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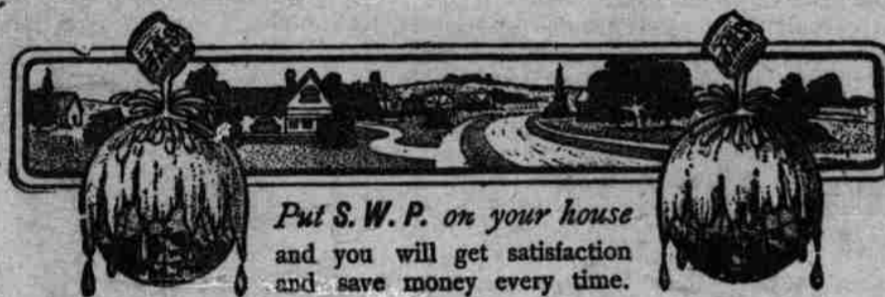
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CITY ELECTION DOPE

Opening of Current Street Agitation May Inject Ginger Into Coming Campaign.

Anti-city election gossip is beginning to filter through the rifles of public interest and from several sources comes the information that there is to be no "corner" on slate making this year, and that issues for a good, lively scrap will not be found wanting in the campaign and have been framed up by knowing ones.

For instance, "I favor the opening of Current Street, through Dave Taylor's calf pasture, to intersect the road leading south from town," says one who is some pampkins in local politics, and who is apparently desirous of presenting his issue as a live one, and introducing it into the contest.

"It's only a matter of time until the city will have the rock quarried back to the road, when the thoroughfare will be lowered to a level with the O. R. & N. track. So why not begin to make preparations for it now by opening Current, the natural and logical inlet and outlet that will connect the city with the road. I favor the council taking action that will lead to the opening of this street."

"The railroad people would welcome the opening of the street for it would greatly reduce the travel over lower Main street across which there are a number of tracks on which a considerable amount of switching is carried on at certain seasons of the year. Besides, farmers living south of town would find the change one of convenience."

And there is a starter. Here is another.

"I would like to see every tree on main street cut down, those shivering hydrants replaced by modern ones and all signs removed from across sidewalks. Turn 'em to the wall, where they belong. The Mayor and councilmen who favor these improvements get my vote, and it counts one."

"Suppose but one ticket is in the field, as has been the case at past elections—what's the use," yawned another. "Two candidates for Mayor, a double row of names on the ticket for councilmen, and live issues—that's ginger, and the fuller the pan, the better, says I. Fill it plumb full, then frisk the lid off."

IN GRIP OF THE STORM KING

18 Inches of Snow and Zero Weather—Stockmen After Feed.

The Inland Empire has been held in the grasp of the Storm King for the past week. A blanket of snow from 10 inches to three feet in depth covers the inter-mountain country, the Columbia river is frozen over at The Dalles so that people are safe in walking across on the ice. Portland public schools were closed several days on account of the cold. From six above zero at Portland, to 42 below at Newport, Wash., is the crazy frosty tale of the thermometer.

Saturday night, the coldest period of the "snap" in Athena, mercury fell to 13 degrees below zero, while spirit indicators of the advertising kind, registered as low as 23 degrees below.

As a result of the storm, 12 inches of snow fell here, and since it has packed down, would now measure 10 inches. The snow here is light, and fortunately there was absolutely no wind, consequently no drifts are encountered and wheat fields are well covered. Trains are more or less late during the week.

It is estimated that the ground is frozen about three inches and hopes are expressed that the frost will be

drawn out by the snow and that the full quota of moisture will find its way into the soil.

Stockmen in the southern part of the county are confronted with the serious problem of securing feed for stock. It is reported that those best supplied with feed have only sufficient quantity to last three weeks. Other parts of the county are being drawn on for feed supplies. Hay is rapidly advancing in price and alfalfa stacks are melting rapidly. A bunch of 1200 sheep from Pilot Rock, passed through Athena Tuesday on the way to Free-water feeding pens.

Later—A chinook wind blew in from the southeast this morning and knocked the above weather article galley-west. So warm was the wind that in 30 minutes the mercury went up 13 degrees. Fifteen inches of snow on the watershed covered by the chinook will be the cause of big floods should the wind last.

TO PLOW UP THE TOWN SITE

Sumpter Will Become Mostly Neat Green Fields.

Transformed from one of the liveliest mining towns of record to a ranch where the green alfalfa and timothy will be grown, is the meaning of a business deal that was closed at Sumpter, affecting almost the entire town site of that place.

The old Sumpter Townsite Company, composed of ex-Governor McIntosh, of British Columbia, Gen. C. S. Warren, of Battle, Mont., and W. C. Calder of Baker city, today deeded all their holdings in Sumpter comprising 550 acres of platted ground, to a corporation known as the Sumpter Land Company. The new concern is composed of Frank S. Ballie, manager of the Columbia Gold Mine; John L. Rand, an attorney of Baker City, and H. M. Allen, a capitalist of Sumpter.

Instead of attempting to boom the mountain town and sell the land just acquired, the new company has made arrangements for sufficient water, and will turn it into a tract of irrigated land for the production of farm products. This practically closes Sumpter's career as a mining town, according to the opinion of many. Very few mines are running in the district, and the spirit of mineral-seeking that developed the town seems to have given away to a desire for tilling the soil.

No Feed for Cayuses

According to Ed. Kidder, who came in yesterday from well up on the reservation, says the East Oregonian, the conditions are even worse than it was thought. He says he counted three dead calves along the road and that one Indian woman has 100 head of horses without a particle of hay or grain for any of them. Nate Raines is authority for the statement that many cattle belonging to Indians are starving to death on the reservation. Indians seldom or never lay in a supply of hay for the winter, allowing the animals to pick up what feed they can around strawstacks and rustle for their keep the best way they can. In ordinary winter conditions they can do this and the most of them pull through, but the present weather is unusual and unless the snow goes off and goes off soon, the Indians will be heavy losers.

Athena Ball Player Married.

Willie Fortier is the first Seattle ballplayer to report. He and his young bride fled the snow and ice of Idaho to the alleged salubrious climate of Puget Sound. Willie said that he would not have believed Mr. Puget capable of such conduct if he had not seen the white cobwebs on the trees and had his ears pinched by Jack Frost. It did not take the frisky young catcher long to hunt up a steam-heated flat where he and his bride will take life easy until the winter calls "play."—Exchange.

Horse Thief in Jail.

Harry Brannen, wanted in this county on the charge of horse stealing was arrested in Union county and brought back to Pendleton by Sheriff Taylor. Brannen is charged with having stolen a horse, saddle and pair of traps from the Goodman ranch, and as he was found with the goods in his possession, the case against him is considered a strong one, says the East Oregonian.

AFTER CHAMBERLAIN

Wily Politicians Would Have Members Break Oath and Betray Constituents.

New developments in the Oregon senatorial situation reveal a deep-laid plan to defeat the people's choice and deadlock the legislature and thus prevent the election of a senator, throwing the matter of choice back upon the next legislature.

Two lines are pursued by those who want to defeat Governor Chamberlain, as fully revealed. A systematic plan of inducements is held out to members who pledged themselves to vote for the popular choice to get them to go back on those pledges by remaining away from the joint convention next Tuesday on account of sickness or for other reasons.

The argument is brought to bear that what they really were pledged to by Statement No. 1 was to support an amendment to the constitution of the United States and not to direct election by the people of the state.

The other line of approach is to persuade members that it is their duty not to vote for Chamberlain unless he will agree in advance to appoint a Republican successor to Secretary of State Benson, who is published as being in a dying condition from cancer.

The Republican organization at Portland, headed by the Oregonian and Senator Fulton, seems to have worked out this plan of withholding support from the people's choice. Governor Chamberlain refuses to make any pledges and the tension is becoming high.

The house members have decided to take up the governor's veto messages, held over from last session, next Monday, two days in advance of the veto on senator, and will try to weaken the statement men by carrying some of the bills held up two years ago over the governor's veto.

One member, Applegate, of Douglas county, who subscribed to the statement to insure his election, now says he meant by it only to endorse the principle of amending the federal constitution. He was not counted as one of the 62 who signed the sworn statement to support the people's choice, but his alleged accession is claimed as a great victory for the anti-statement members.

Deputy Kills His Quarry

A special from Lewistown Mont. says that a desperate duel has been fought in the snow of the mountains south of that city between a deputy sheriff and a suspected horse thief, in which the latter was killed. The names of the participants are Deputy Sheriff Al Morgan and John Pfleger, respectively. The deputy had been engaged in the search several days, coming upon his man in a secluded district. The battle then began, terminating in the death of the hunted man. The deputy notified the coroner of the affair and the latter is now enroute to hold an inquest.

Circuit Court

The January term of the circuit court convened at Pendleton Monday. In accordance with the law enacted by the people of the state of Oregon last June, which provides for the calling of a grand jury at each term of the circuit court, the name of seven men were drawn from the jury box who are engaged in the task of investigating alleged violations of the law in this county. Every one of the seven men is a farmer. They are Frank Snyder, foreman; William McKenzie, Arthur Scott, George Cockburn, H. J. Bell, C. A. Perkins, J. W. Muir.

Fire in Printing Office

McMann's Pilot Rock Record office sustained slight loss from fire Monday. The fire was caused by a defective stove pipe and for a time threatened to destroy the office but prompt work on the part of the office force subdued the flames.

Range Blows Up

An accident which might have proved fatal, occurred at the residence of Dwelly Herriek yesterday morning and it was only by the rarest stroke of good fortune that Mrs. Herriek was not seriously injured. The range, owing to the freezing of the

pipes, exploded, shattering window panes, shaking the contents of the pantry to pieces and causing a premature Chinese New Years celebration. Mrs. Herriek was standing over the stove at the time of the explosion and although knocked down and bruised she received no serious mishap.—W. W. Union.

Hermiston Again.

That the little town of Hermiston is still on the map and that its citizens are scrapping with their usual vim is attested by an attempt to force William H. Skinner and Fred A. Yates from the directorate of the Umatilla River Water Users' association at Hermiston Saturday. Two rival tickets are claiming election to the directorate of that corporation and the question will probably be threshed out in the courts.

THE FRUIT MEN ARE UNEASY

Orchard Men Differ as to General Conditions

In discussing the recent severe cold weather the Walla Walla Union says: "It is now the turn of the fruit growers to pull a long face and make various remarks concerning the great amount of damage being wrought upon the various fruit crops of the country by the excessive cold snap."

"While the farmers were on the anxious seat for only a few days, their fears being set at rest as soon as the snow fell, the fruit grower has no such source of comfort. Their predictions are various and sundry, but all seem to agree upon one point, namely, that the peach crop is damaged, and the cherry crop to a certain extent. Some say these respective crops will stand only 5 below zero weather, while others insist no damage will result should the mercury drop as low as 10 below. Nothing definite can be discovered, however until a general thaw sets in but with the snow protecting the trees to a certain extent it is not thought that a great amount of damage will result from this spell of unusually cold weather."

A WAY UP BIG COMPANY

"Si Plunkard" Billed for the Athena Opera House Wednesday Night.

The Big Band Show, headed by the veteran, J. C. Lewis and his merry company of 20 people, will be the offering at the Athena Opera house Wednesday, January 20. This company comes guaranteed as the best the town has ever seen, and shows Walla Walla previous to Athena.

In the play "Si Plunkard" are many situations to gladden the spectator, cause a laugh, and bring to the eyes tears of sympathetic pity, and none who attend will regret the time thus spent. It is a play for the young and the old, and affords entertainment for all classes of people. Its human story deals with emotions common to all and never fails to move the spectator.

The cast includes the author Mr. J. C. Lewis in the title role, John L. Mack, Herbert N. Cappe, Will Hartwell, Garland Toomer, Lou W. Hubbard, C. Ed. Langdon, Arthur Fitzpatrick, Hart Blair, Blanche Bowers, Edith Toomer, little Arletta Lewis, Marion Lewis, Price, Adults, Children 25c.

Moscow Fights Near Beer

Moscow, Idaho, went dry in August, when the last saloons were forced out of business by the city ordinance. It went dry in November and December, when the temperance league employed detectives on whose evidence several were convicted for violation of the ordinance. It is now to be made drier by the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of "Nearbeer" and "beering" and all mild beverages known by similar terms.

Taft Elected.

William Howard Taft was elected President of the United States by the electors who gathered Monday in the capital cities of the various states to cast their votes for President and Vice President. Although the returns will not be canvassed by Congress until next month, it is confidently anticipated that Taft and Sherman have been successful in the election.

North Yakima a Division.

North Yakima will be a division point of the North Coast railroad. Definite announcement to that effect has been made. The yards will be at least a mile in length and will contain fifteen tracks, round houses, repair shops, etc. At that point the road will brake its grade and the heavy engines for the mountain division will be quartered here.

Raise Salary of Judge.

The Umatilla County Bar Association has adopted a resolution in favor of increasing the salary of the Circuit Judge of Umatilla-Morrow county district from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. The resolution will be presented to the legislature and it is believed that it will receive favorable consideration.

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PIPES EXPLODE, WOMAN BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Frank Jackson was severely burned about the eyes, neck and arms Wednesday morning by the explosion of the kitchen range, caused by the freezing of its water pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson reside on their farm west of town, and Wednesday morning after starting the fire Mr. Jackson left the house to go to the barn. Hearing the explosion he hastened back and found the kitchen a wreck and his wife lying on the floor.

When the explosion occurred she had a lighted lamp in her hand and this was blown into fragments.

Dr. Sharp was hastily summoned

from town and found the lady's arms badly burned, burns on the neck and the eye balls blistered by the hot ashes. The greatest injuries were to the eyes, although the sight was apparently not injured.

The kitchen range was blown into atoms, windows blown out and doors torn from their hinges. The family was immediately moved into another house near by.

This is the first serious accident to result from frozen pipes during the cold spell, people as a rule being careful to drain the pipe coils in the stoves before retiring at night.